

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A gel-type styling agent preparation comprising:

- (a) one or more pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives;;
- (b) one or more anionic polymers;;
- (c) one or more nonionic polymers;; and
- (d) water.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The preparation ~~or the use as claimed in either of the preceding claims, characterized in that of claim 1, wherein the one or more~~ pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives ~~used are include a hydroxypropylated phosphate esteresters.~~

4. (Currently amended) The preparation of claim 3, wherein the one or more hydroxypropylated phosphate ester~~or the use as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterized in that the~~ pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivative ~~used is hydroxypropyl distarch phosphate (CAS Number 113894-92-1).~~

5. (Currently amended) The styling agent ~~or the use as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterized in that preparation of claim 1, wherein the anionic polymer used is includes~~ at least one substance selected~~de~~osen from the group consisting of polyacrylic acids with a molar mass of ~~from 2 000 000 2,000,000~~ g/mol to ~~6 000 000 6,000,000~~ g/mol, acrylic acid/acrylamide copolymer sodium salts with a molar mass of ~~from 2 000 000 2,000,000~~ g/mol to ~~6 000 000 6,000,000~~ g/mol, acrylic acid/methacrylic acid copolymers, acrylate/steareth-2 methacrylate copolymer, steareth-10 allyl ether/acrylate copolymer, acrylate/steareth-20 itaconate copolymer, celluloses, cellulose derivatives, cellulose gums, ethoxylated celluloses, starches, ~~or~~ gums, guar gum, guar hydroxypropyltrimonium chloride, xanthan gum, hydroxypropyl guar, karaya gum, bentonites, hectorites, polyquaternium-31, ~~or~~ and

~~polyquaternium-27, and the nonionic polymer used is at least one substance chosen from the group consisting of vinylpyrrolidone homo- or copolymers, preferably polyvinylpyrrolidone, N-vinylpyrrolidone/vinyl propionate copolymers, N-vinylpyrrolidone/vinyl acetate copolymers, polyvinylcaprolactam, polyvinylamides, vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminomethacrylate copolymers, vinylcaprolactam/vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminomethacrylate terpolymers, polysiloxanes.~~

6. (Currently amended) ~~The styling agent or the use as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterized in that preparation of claim 1, wherein the content of pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives is 0.1% to 4% by weight, particularly preferably 1 to 4% by weight.~~

7. (Currently amended) ~~The styling agent or the use as claimed in any of the preceding claims, characterized in that its preparation of claim 1, wherein the preparation has a viscosity is of 7 to 13 Pa·s, preferably 9 to 11 Pa·s.~~

8. (New) The preparation of claim 7, wherein the preparation has a viscosity of 9 Pa·s to 11 Pa·s.

9. (New) The preparation of claim 6, wherein the content of pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives is 1% to 4% by weight.

10. (New) The preparation of claim 1, wherein the nonionic polymer includes at least one substance chosen from the group consisting of vinylpyrrolidone homo- or copolymers, N-vinylpyrrolidone/vinyl propionate copolymers, N-vinylpyrrolidone/vinyl acetate copolymers, polyvinylcaprolactam, polyvinylamides, vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminomethacrylate copolymers, vinylcaprolactam/vinylpyrrolidone/dimethylaminomethacrylate terpolymers, and polysiloxanes.

11. (New) The preparation of claim 10, wherein the nonionic polymer includes polyvinylpyrrolidone.

12. (New) A method for improving the ability of aqueous styling agents containing anionic polymers to be removed by combing the product out of the hair, said method comprising preparing said styling agents to include one or more pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives.

13. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the one or more pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives include a hydroxypropylated phosphate ester.

14. (New) The method of claim 13, wherein the hydroxypropylated phosphate ester is hydroxypropyl distarch phosphate.

15. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives comprise 0.1% to 4% by weight of the styling agents.

16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the pregelatinized, crosslinked starch derivatives comprise 1% to 4% by weight of the styling agents.